

heart, and cause him to see the errors of his ways.

Let us ever labor and keep in view that great reward which we will reap, if we faint not.

EMMA R. HALL, Sec.

Dayton, Va.

Hoosier Echoes

Friday evening, March 18, we held a business meeting at Darwin. Everything passed off pleasantly. The present pastor received a unanimous call to serve another year. Saturday afternoon we baptized nine who had confessed Christ at previous meetings. On Sunday three more accepted the invitation to walk with us. Thus the good work goes on and the end is not yet. Sunday evening we filled our regular appointment at Flora, concluding our third year as pastor at that place. We have been invited to continue as pastor, but positive arrangement have not yet been made. The Flora congregation has doubled its numbers during the past three years. But it comes more nearly being a "sister's church," than a Brethren church, and some faithful sisters there are too. Pray for them, and for us.

R. R. TEETER.

N. Manchester, Ind.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Good congregations, good interest, large spiritual prayermeetings, three baptized last night, expect others soon, will anoint two this evening for healing and will go to Washington, D. C., tomorrow for three days and hold a communion service while there. Brethren pray for us.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

Holsingerisms—No. 16

Last night I was sleepless from 10:30 to 1:30, although very well. Without any special effort my machine ground out the following lines:

How calm and peaceful is my soul,
As on my couch I lie;

At peace with God, in truce with men,
Resigned to live or die.

How sweetly quiet is the night,
No noise disturbs my rest;

No pain torments my head or heart;
I'm truly greatly blest.

And then I put in contrast with my ease and comfort the thousands of starving Cubans and persecuted Armenians, and the millions and millions of poor, suffering, miserable fellow mortals, in our own country. I had been courting sleep, and was near the point of being vexed because my wooings were not successful, when I came to myself in appreciating the blessings that were mine. Why want to sleep when I'm not sleepy? Have I so long a lease of life that I should seek to doze the hours away? Why not think? and thus have a social feast the while, for "they are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts."—*Sidney*. "My own thoughts are my companions."—*Longfellow*. "The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the great art in life is to have

as many of them as possible."—*Bovee*. And may the Lord grant

"That all who read,

Or utter noble thoughts, may make them theirs,
And thank God for them, to the betterment
Of their succeeding life."—*Bailey*.

Among my old church associates in this community who have been lately called to their last homes, was brother Henry Stull and sister Frederick Brant. They were both prepared for the change, having been long in the service of their Master. The Lord comfort the surviving friends. Sister D. J. Miller, of Fair Haven, O., is the last victim of the "Fell Destroyer" among my church acquaintances. During our residence at Ashland we used to meet occasionally, and I learned to love her in the Lord. Brother Daniel has my sympathies in his bereavement.

The *Gospel Messenger*, of March 19, has this item: "Some one has suggested that Tunkerism means taking God at his word. This is certainly commendable." Which goes to show that Brother Moore reads Holsingerisms. It also proves that he is as full of religious prejudice as ever, or he would have told his readers who that "some one" was, and that I had so defined the word instead of "suggested that it means." With him "Policy sits above conscience."

By the way: Our German Baptist brethren are making commendable progress in mission work. During the month of January of this year they contributed to all purposes nearly \$3,000; \$294 of it was for Cuban sufferers and the balance for mission purposes direct. They have a mission endowment fund of over \$150,000, which is enlarging yearly. I like some of their methods better than our own. They raise their money first, then send out the missionaries, or establish mission points. Our policy seems to be to start the mission, and contract a debt and then apportion it among the various churches, and inspire the people to pay their portion or be placed in the list of delinquents. This may be a "pessimistic" view of the matter, but so it looks to me through my white glasses.

A few weeks ago one of the Pittsburgh dailies announced the expulsion of Elder John C. Johnson, of Uniontown, Pa., by a committee from Annual Meeting. In an item in the *Meyersdale Commercial*, Brother Johnson assures his friends that he will come out all right in the end; that Annual Conference will not confirm the decision of the committee. So we will have to wait until June before it will be known positively whether John and I will be served alike.

Elder D. F. Stauffer, of Washington County, Md., died very suddenly a few weeks ago. He was one of the most progressive elders in the German Baptist church. He was an excellent leader of singing, a popular auctioneer and a good preacher. I stopped at his house many years ago.

Brother George Rench and sister Grace Kline have my best wishes in their new relation as husband and wife. Sister Grace was

one of my most faithful helpers in the church at South Bend, Ind., and I believe she will be as dutiful to her pastor husband.

I would like to know pretty soon where next Penn'a. State Conference will be held, so I can lay out my summer vacation. Do our state conferences have to go begging, Brother Spanogle? If so, I'll see what I can do in that line in my next isms.

Brother M. C. Meyers, formerly of Mount Pleasant, has been called to and accepted the Berlin charge, and is expected to take up the work April 3rd proximo.

Matrimonial

REYNOLDS—MUNN—At the home of the bride's mother, 747 Judson St., Fort Scott, Kansas, at eight o'clock Wednesday evening, March 23, 1898, Mr James Reynolds and Miss Etta Munn were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. After congratulations all sat down and enjoyed a bounteous repast which was awaiting them. Our best wishes go with them for a happy future. Ceremony by writer.

L. G. WOOD.

HAUGHT—SKILES—At the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Sterling, Masontown, Pa., March 24, 1898, by the writer, Mr. Francis M. Haught and Miss Olive C. Skiles, both of the above address. May the blessings of God attend them.

P. M. SWINEHART

KING—LONGLY—At my residence in the presence of a few invited guests, Wednesday afternoon, March 25, 1898, Mr. Thomas King and Miss Ida Longly were joined in marriage. All were of Appanoos Co., Iowa. This young couple start out with bright prospects and that the richest blessings of God may go with them on their voyage over the sea of life, is my prayer.

JOSEPH ZOOK.

LEWIS—SIMMS.—By the undersigned Feb. 16, 1898, at the residence of the bride's parents, brother and sister L. L. Simms in the Quiet Dell congregation, Greene Co., Pa., brother William Lewis and sister Mary Ida Simms, both of Big Tree, Pa.

ASHBROOK—HUGHES.—At my home at Aleppo, Pa., Feb. 23, 1898, brother W. L. Ashbrook and sister Bertha M. Hughes, both of the Bridgeport congregation, Greene Co., Pa.

TODD—WENDT.—At the Quiet Dell church Sunday, March 20, 1898, brother George E. Todd and sister Amelia Wendt both of the Quiet Dell congregation.

J. M. MURRAY.

SERMONS TO PREACH TO YOURSELF

When you are complaining of your troubles, did you ever stop to define them and see just what is troubling you? How much of it is a legitimate cause of worry and grief?